

NOT ENOUGH PUBLIC TOILETS

London Mayor Boris Johnson has called on businesses to open their toilets to the public to compensate for the lack of public restrooms in the British capital.

There are just 419 city-owned toilets in London,

the Mayor's spokeswoman, Ms Leona Daly, said, citing a 2006 report. That equates to one public toilet for 18,000 residents or one for every 67,000 of the 28 million people who visit the capital each year.

The number of public toilets fell by 75 per cent in the 12 years to 2005 and the lack of facilities is discouraging people from going out, Mr Johnson said. **BLOOMBERG**